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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are provided in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed December 20, 2002 has been received and reviewed. No claims have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-44 are pending in the above-identified application. In view of the following, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9, 12-14, 22, 24, 27, and 35-36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,022,743). The Examiner alleges that all the limitations of such claims are described in Kino et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of such claims.